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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1968

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1968. The report is presented in the form required by the Ministry of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	17,735
Population estimated mid-1968	3,940
Number of inhabited houses	1,312
Rateable Value	£179,870
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£750

VITAL STATISTICS

		Male	Female	Total
Live births -	legitimate	26	21	47
-	illegitimate	-	1	1
Still births -	legitimate	-	-	-
	illegitimate	-	-	-

	District		England & Wales
	Crude	Corrected	1968
Live Birth Rate	12.2	12.2	16.9
Death rate	8.6	10.1	11.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	21.0		18.3

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	3	-
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - uterus	-	1
Leukaemia	-	1
Other Malignant neoplasms, etc.	2	1
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1
Hypertensive disease	1	-
Ischaemic heart disease	4	2
Other forms of heart disease	2	1
Cerebrovascular disease	1	2
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	1
Peptic ulcer	2	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1968

Disease	Under 1	1/2	2/3	3/4	4/5	5/9	10/14	15/24	25/34	35/44	45/64	65 and over
Measles	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

One case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified during 1968.

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1968

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	145
Meat and Foods	22
Factories	21
Offices and Shops	15
Refuse Collection & Disposal	188
Sewage Disposal	401
Building	355
Rodent Control	103
Miscellaneous	452
Total	1702

NOTICES SERVED

	Issued	Complied With
Informal	28	27
Statutory	1	1

MEAT AND FOODS

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District, the requirements of the two local butchers being met chiefly from the Stamford Abattoir.

A new butchers shop in Ketton was completed during the year.

A complaint was received alleging dirt contaminating a sliced loaf. This was investigated and eventually taken up by a neighbouring authority with the Bakery concerned.

It was not necessary to condemn any foodstuff in the District during the year.

Preserved Food, etc., Food and Drugs Act

There are no changes in the Register to report.

Milk and Dairies

There are no changes in the Register to report.

FACTORIES

There are two additions and two deletions in the Register to report during the year.

It has not been necessary to issue any Notices.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

One case of Scarlet Fever was investigated during the year.

There was no incidence of food poisoning.

No action had to be taken in respect of verminous persons or premises.

NEW BUILDINGS

114 plans were deposited of which 96 were approved, 17 were exempt from Building Regulations and 1 was deferred.

The approved plans included those for 30 private dwellings comprising 23 at Ketton, 6 at Ryhall and 1 at Clipsham, and 16 Council flatlets at Ketton.

19 Private dwellings were completed during the year comprising 9 at Ketton, 9 at Ryhall and 1 at Clipsham.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service has continued to operate very smoothly during the year and this is reflected in the very few complaints received. Thanks are due to the collectors, who have now worked together as a team for the past eight years, for this happy state of affairs.

The hiring of standard dustbins continued to be a popular service and in itself contributes to the efficiency of the collection.

Bulky items of household refuse are removed by prior arrangement with me.

Considerable efforts have been made to obtain a new tip during the year and where terms were agreed with respective owners, hopes were dashed by the refusal of the County Planning Committee to give planning approval. The main objection was the possibility of polluting existing ground water abstractions for public supply purposes, as the sites are situated on limestone.

In my opinion the chances of the pollution of water supplies in the area have diminished over the past 30 years or so and this Council has helped considerably to bring this about through its progressive policy on the various sewerage schemes and mains water supplies.

There now seems very little chance of being able to obtain any other site in the District for tipping purposes, which is not situated on limestone and it is therefore essential that neighbouring Councils get together in joint schemes of refuse disposal in the future.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

1968 proved to be another good year in the provision of mains drainage in the District.

The Tinwell sewerage scheme was completed and very good progress made on closet conversions and connections in the village.

Work was also commenced on the Essendine and Ryhall Scheme in October and despite the inclement weather good progress was being made by the end of the year.

The disposal of sludge from the works at Ketton, Great Casterton and Ryhall continued to present many difficulties because of the exceptionally wet summer.

The Ryhall works in particular posed many problems because the old sludge beds had to be demolished immediately the contractors began work in order to construct an access road, and consequently all sludge had to be carted away in liquid form.

The attendants deserve special praise for the manner in which they carried out this very uncongenial task. Thanks are also due to several local farmers who have allowed me the use of trailers and afforded facilities for the disposal of the sludge.

An agreement in principle was reached with Oakham R.D.C. for a joint sewage disposal scheme for Clipsham and Stretton with ultimate pumping to Cottesmore.

A further 7 premises were connected to the sewer at Ketton and 57 premises at Tinwell.

Throughout the District a total of 33 pail closets were abolished and replaced by water closets.

Approximately 50 pails are still emptied weekly but it is good to see this number diminishing as each year passes, due to the provision of new sewerage schemes.

RAG FLOCK ACT

There are no registrations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT

There are no licensed premises in the District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

There are now no registered establishments in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water for the Parishes of Clipsham, Essendine, Great and Little Casterton, Ryhall and Tinwell is supplied by the South Lincolnshire Water Board whilst the Nene and Ouse Water Board supplies Tixover and Ketton. There is a private supply for the Parish of Pickworth.

I have received from the Water Boards the results of 75 water samples taken during the year for bacteriological examination; of these 54 were satisfactory and 21 unsatisfactory. The prolonged heavy rainfall caused bacteriological pollution at the sources during the summer and autumn months but steps were taken to increase the level of chlorination.

RODENT CONTROL

The system wereby rodent control work in the District is carried out by means of a contract with a private Pest Control Company continued to operate satisfactorily. The contract provides for the regular supervision of all the Council's undertakings, and the treatment of private dwellings following the receipt of complaints.

In order to encourage people to report the presence of rats, the Council provides a free service for rodent disinfestation at private dwelling houses. Business premises are treated on a rechargeable basis.

Arrangements can be made for dealing with other pests, such as wasps, cockroaches, moles, etc., but this is only carried out on a rechargeable basis.

63 premises were treated for rats and 2 for mice and of this number 58 were dwelling houses.

Test baiting of sewers in the Parishes of Ketton, Ryhall, Great and Little Casterton proved them all to be clear of rats.

During the year, a joint meeting was held with the other Rutland Authorities and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to discuss future rat control campaigns.

HOUSING INSPECTION

As no Council Houses were built during the year, only limited progress was made in the slum clearance programme, five houses being dealt with.

It was gratifying to see a physical start made in the long awaited redevelopment of the 'Long Row' area, High Street, Ketton, demolition of the old houses commenced in November and the Contractors immediately started work on the erection of 16 flatlets scheduled for completion in 12 months.

It is disappointing to record that the number of applications for grants fell during the year but no doubt this was due to the fact that the Government having announced proposals for the raising of the maximum figure of £400 for a discretionary grant to a £1,000 and increasing the maximum figure for a Standard Grant from £155 to £200, did not bring the necessary legislation in by the end of the year.

During the year 3 houses were brought up to Discretionary Grant Standard and 6 to the Standard Grant requirements. 7 applications for grants resulted in the award of 3 Discretionary Grants, 2 enhanced Standard Grants and 2 Standard Grants.

Work was virtually completed on the installation of bathrooms to the 8 Council Houses at Tinwell and this leaves only the 6 Council Houses at Essendine still without this basic necessity.

No. of visits	145
No. of houses inspected	73
No. of houses found unfit for habitation	10
No. of houses not in all respects fit	42

Remedy of Defects

No. of houses made fit as a result of informal action	33
No. of unfit houses closed as a result of Closing Orders	1
No. of unfit houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners	2
No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-
No. of cases of overcrowding discovered	-
No. of houses made fit by accepting a programme of works	1
No. of houses where part of a house closed by Closing Order	-

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

No additional sites have been licensed during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Statistical information is given on a separate sheet.

A.R. BURT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND SURVEYOR

FACTORIES ACT, 1961, PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	5		
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	14	16		
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers Premises)	-	-		
TOTAL	19	21		

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
			Referred		
Want of Cleanliness					
Overcrowding					
Temperature					
Inadequate Ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)					
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) . ..... NIL

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises (1)	Number of premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premieses receiving one or more general inspections during the year (4)
Offices	-	3	3
Retail shops	-	4	4
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	9	9

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises 15

TABLE C

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	3
Retail shops	5
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	10
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL	20
Total Males	6
Total Females	14